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I believe that it is the holy and patriotic duty of every American to offer himself for his country's service in peace as well as war.

I believe that it is only the preparation and training of all the able bodied men of the nation that will avert the calamity of foreign war; or if such a war be forced upon us, that we will be able to meet the trained forces of Asia or Europe on something like terms of equality, and by the sacrifice of our lives, if necessary, prevent the hoisting of a foreign flag over our land, or any part thereof.

I believe that no man can efficiently perform the varied duties of a soldier without long and careful training in those duties and the handling of our modern small arms, artillery and other appliances of warfare, as well as a certain knowledge of the principles of military hygiene and sanitation, unless he shall have been first instructed in those things.

I believe that our country needs a larger military organization, properly trained and equipped for war service.

I believe that a fundamental part of the first line of defense of the nation should be a well organized, well equipped and loyally supported national guard.

I believe that the strength of our form of government rests in the ability of its citizens to take up arms effectively in its defense.

I believe that preparedness for war is sure insurance against war.

I believe that training in the national guard will benefit all who receive it and make them better citizens and more efficient producers.

I believe that the lessons of obedience, sobriety, cleanliness and patriotism taught in the national guard will make of its members better citizens, better husbands and better fathers.

I believe that the lessons taught in the national guard will reduce the number of criminals and improve the physical condition of the whole people.

I believe that the young men of today have not lost all their father's courage and patriotism and the centuries old love of their race for things that are manly and adventurous. That they will, when fully informed of the need of their co-operation, align themselves in the national guard.

I believe that the cry of "Militarism" and similar forms of opposition to the guard is the result of ignorance of our true aims and purposes and a mistaken idea of the possibilities of securing peace on earth and good will among men.

I believe that it is the duty of every national guardsman to inform himself as to the preparedness of the nation and to spread that information. Foreign nations know it better than do the people of the United States and will, when it best suits their purpose, take advantage of it unless we remedy the defect.

I believe that opposition to the guard in certain quarters and among loyal citizens arises from ignorance and prejudice bred in continental Europe as the result of enforced military service and is without foundation in fact or reason under our system and institutions.

I believe that the rise of the Anglo-Saxon race from barbarism to its present position of supremacy and power is in a very large part due to the fact that the military power and the strength of its armies and navies rested in the knowledge of the mass of the people in the handling of arms and their ability to use them in war.

I believe that if the Anglo-Saxon race and the institutions founded by it are to endure, that their youth should know and understand and be trained in the use of military arms and maneuvers.

I believe that the strength of the people, the enforcement of their laws and the maintenance of their institutions lies entirely in their power to defend or support themselves in an appeal to arms.

I believe that when the American people forget or entirely neglect military training and the handling of arms they will cease to exist as a free and independent nation.

I believe that our early military successes were due in a large measure to the fact that the arms then in common use were the same as those used for military purposes. That now, when the universal use of arms for hunting and protection of the home has ceased or become unnecessary, and such arms as are used are wholly different from the modern military arm, I believe that every American should be trained in the use of military arms from his school days to early manhood.

I believe that adequate steps should be taken to form a reserve of trained officers and men for the army, navy and national guard.

I believe that, properly trained and led, the American soldier is superior to any other; but without training or under ignorant and inexperienced officers he is no better than the poorest.

I believe that it is inviting disaster, nay, committing murder, to send untrained, un instructed troops into a campaign, and for that reason I believe in the national guard for our country's service, in time of peace as well as war.

I believe that a man who serves his country in time of war is noble, brave, and patriotic; but that a man shall properly prepare himself in time of peace to serve in war is all of these things and more. It is noble with a nobility which is real, not ideal. It is brave with a bravery which assumes in time of unemotional peace many burdens, among them that of bearing the lack of appreciation of those who do not consider military preparation or training necessary.

In case of war you would either volunteer or be drafted. Why not learn your duties now so that you would be of some value at the front, not laid up in a hospital at the rear?

The days of the nation wherein the military spirit is dead beyond recall are numbered.

The parliament of man will be an asylum of mutes; the federation of the world a graveyard of dead nations. And all because the struggle for existence is over; because ambition has ceased to be a quality of man, because youth is gone and age is upon us, because the military spirit is dead.

That which we call patriotism, pride of country, and spirit of nationality is the military spirit at its best.

ARMY NOTES

There will be no vacancies in the grade of second lieutenant of the army for enlisted men or civilians this year. The department examination of enlisted men will be held as usual to secure candidates for possible vacancies, but unless some legislation is passed for an increase in the army there will not be enough vacancies to absorb all the members of this year's class from the military academy. There are at present 34 vacancies in the army. Twelve of these are in the cavalry, two in the coast artillery and 18 in the infantry. There are no vacancies in the field artillery.

Before the West Point class graduates the number of vacancies may be more than doubled, but even then half of the class would go into the army as additional numbers.

Capt. W. R. Rush today was relieved of the command of the battleship Florida and assigned to the Boston navy yard as commandant to succeed Capt. De Witt Coffman. Capt. Coffman is to be promoted to rear admiral in December. He will meanwhile take a course at the Naval War College preparatory to relieving Rear Admiral Frank E. Beatty, in command of the third division of the Atlantic fleet. The Florida is now being overhauled.

at the New York navy yard. Secretary Daniels has not selected her new commander nor determined the assignment of Admiral Beatty upon the completion of his present tour of sea duty.

Heavy purchases by British and French agents of horses for war use is presenting a serious problem to the quartermaster's department of the United States army. It is feared that it will soon be impossible to obtain enough horses for its own purposes during the present year.

Already the young horses bought for the remount stations cost \$17 a head more than last year. These animals are too young to be used at once, and their sales do not reflect the real increase in price for cavalry horses, which already stands at \$20 per head over last year's sales.

The average cost per ration for the United States army is now almost 1 cent a day greater than it was a year ago, according to the annual report of Q. M. gen. Aleshaire.

According to a statement which has been filed in the office of the secretary of the territory, it cost Jonah Kahio Kalaniano'le \$135 to get reelected to Congress in the last election. John M. Bright, who was elected representative from the fourth district, spent \$34.25 during the campaign.

There will be work in the third degree at a special meeting of the members of Honolulu Lodge No. 409, F. and A. M., which has been called for 7:30 o'clock this evening in the Masonic Temple.



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